

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims in this case by replacing them with the following Complete Listing of Claims.

Complete Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A metal laryngoscope blade for removable double snap engagement into an operative intubation position on a laryngoscope handle,

the laryngoscope handle including an upright U-shaped handle hook-on fitting including a pair of spaced apart substantially parallel upright supports with interior surfaces having a pair of substantially opposite recesses, and a pivot rod extending thereacross,

the metal laryngoscope blade having a leading tip and comprising

(a) a resiliently elastically deformable metal blade hook-on fitting including a thin walled U-shaped retaining member which includes facing toward the metal laryngoscope blade's leading tip, and including a pair of spaced apart substantially parallel side wall members providing a gap therebetween and a front crosspiece that extends across the gap and faces toward the metal laryngoscope blade's leading tip, and walls with a resiliently elastically deformable bridge extending widthwise across the gap between their leading lowermost regions for defining a cutout for snap receiving the pivot rod therein on positive snap manipulation of said blade hook-on fitting thereon, said side wall members walls having trailing regions with respect to said bridge having exterior surfaces at least one thereof being provided with a non-frangible metal protrusion integrally formed therewith for snap insertion into a handle hook-on fitting's recess on

positive snap manipulation of the blade hook-on fitting fully into the handle hook-on fitting whereupon the laryngoscope blade assumes its operative intubation position, and

(b) a metal spatula attached to said blade hook-on fitting for transversely extending from the laryngoscope handle in the laryngoscope blade's operative intubation position for insertion into a subject's mouth.

Claims 2 - 20 (Canceled).

21. (New) The blade as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said bridge has a centrally disposed indentation directed away from its leading tip for precluding non snap insertion of a GO/NO-GO cylindrical gauge having the same diameter as said pivot rod into said cutout.

22. (New) The blade as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said side wall members have exterior surfaces each provided with a protrusion for snap insertion into a handle hook-on fitting's recess on positive snap manipulation of said blade hook-on fitting fully into the handle hook-on fitting whereupon the laryngoscope blade assumes its operative intubation position.

23. (New) The blade as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said blade is constituted by a metal spatula welded onto a metal blade hook-on fitting.

24. (New) A metal ISO 7376/3 type laryngoscope blade as claimed in Claim 1 and further comprising a light guide mount for transferring in its operative intubation position illumination light from an electrical light source housed in an ISO 7376/3 type laryngoscope handle toward a subject's larynx entrance area.

25. (New) A metal ISO 7376/1 type laryngoscope blade as claimed in Claim 1 and further comprising a light guide mount with an electrical light source disposed toward its leading tip for electrical connection with an electrical power source housed in an ISO 7376/1 type laryngoscope handle in its operative intubation position for providing illumination light for illuminating a subject's larynx entrance area.

26. (New) A metal ISO 7376/1 type laryngoscope blade as claimed in Claim 1 and further comprising a light guide mount with an electrical light source disposed toward its trailing end for electrical connection with an electrical power source housed in an ISO 7376/1 type laryngoscope handle in its operative intubation position for providing illumination light for illuminating a subject's larynx entrance area.

27. (New) A light guide mount for mounting onto a blade hook-on fitting of a metal laryngoscope blade as claimed in Claim 1 for providing illumination light for illuminating a

subject's larynx entrance area in the operative intubation position of the metal laryngoscope blade on a laryngoscope handle.

28. (New) The light guide mount as claimed in Claim 27 and including a light pipe for transferring illumination light from an electrical light source housed in an ISO 7376/3 type laryngoscope handle toward a subject's larynx entrance area.

29. (New) The light guide mount as claimed in Claim 27 and including an electrical light source positionable toward the leading tip of an ISO 7376/1 type metal laryngoscope blade on mounting the light guide mount thereon for electrical connection with an electrical power source housed in an ISO 7376/1 type laryngoscope handle in the operative intubation position of the ISO 7376/1 type metal laryngoscope blade for providing illumination light for illuminating a subject's larynx entrance area.

30. (New) The light guide mount as claimed in Claim 27 and comprising an electrical light source positionable toward the trailing end of said metal laryngoscope blade on mounting the light guide mount thereon for electrical connection with an electrical power source housed in an ISO 7376/1 type laryngoscope handle in the operative intubation position of the ISO 7376/1 type metal laryngoscope blade for providing illumination light for illuminating a subject's larynx entrance area.

31. (New) A metal laryngoscope blade as claimed in Claim 1 and further comprising a light guide mount for transferring in its operative intubation position illumination light toward a subject's larynx entrance area, said light guide mount comprising an L-shaped member having a small portion with an end section, and a large portion with an end section, the large portion end section directing the illumination light toward the subject's larynx entrance area when the laryngoscope blade is in an operative intubation position; and

a connector portion to which said small portion end section is mounted, said connector portion being snap mountable onto said blade hook-on fitting.